

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are now pending in this application. Claims 1, 9 and 10 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter as discussed in paragraph 6 of the previous Office Action.

Claims 1 and 3-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,734,890 to Case et al. (Case reference) as discussed in paragraph 8 of the previous Office Action.

Claims 2 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over the Case reference in view of Gartner Group Executive Series "Executive Market Analysis Program" as discussed in the previous Office Action.

Furthermore, within the Office Action the Examiner indicated that the grounds for rejection in the present Office Action are substantially the same grounds that were submitted in the prior Office Action in regard to the parent application 08/716,948 now U.S. Patent No. 5,963,910. The Examiner suggested that the Applicant review of history of the parent application and submit amendments in accordance with the amendments that were submitted in the prior application. Applicant has incorporated the Examiner's suggestions, and indication that such amendments would place claims in a position for allowance. As set forth above, Applicant has amended claims 1, 9, and 10 in accordance with the Examiner's comments. The amended claims 1, 9 and 10 in their present form should overcome all three rejections respectively set forth under §§101, 102 and 103. Based on forgoing, Applicant respectfully requests

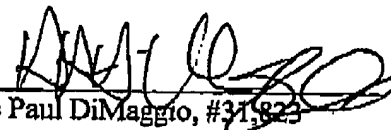
reconsideration of the pending claims. Applicant furthermore respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance and prompt allowance of all pending claims is therefore requested.

Should the Examiner have any remaining questions or comments, the undersigned would appreciate a telephone call to possibly expedite this case.

Any additional charges, including Extensions of Time, please bill our Deposit Account No. 13-1130.

Respectfully submitted,

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